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## Bids Opened For Power Lines In Coffee County

### Construction Will Start In 30 Days

Bids were opened Wednesday, November 3, 1947 for the construction of rural power lines for South Alabama Electric Cooperative of Troy, Alabama. The bid opening was held at the office of the Cooperative. These lines are located in Pike County and a part of Crenshaw and Coffee Counties.

The project is divided into two sections, with section one comprising Crenshaw and Coffee Counties and section two comprising Pike County.

The G. T. Key Company, of Montgomery, Alabama, was the low bidder on both projects as follows:

Section one, 268.13 miles, \$83,678.11.  
Section two, 248.25 miles, \$79,362.75.

There were five other bidders. These contracts cover the furnishing of labor only, since the Cooperative will provide all material.

Mr. W. W. Reeves, president of the South Alabama Electric Cooperative, states that construction should be started within the next thirty days.

It is the desire of the Cooperative to provide service to all customers in the territory, either under these contracts or through amendments to the contracts from time to time.

The estimated time for completion of these contracts according to Lanier Engineering Company, the project engineers, will be approximately 6 months.

## Merchants And Radio Station Give Xmas Party

The merchants of Elba and Radio Station WCTA, Andalusia, are sponsoring a big Christmas party at the Elba Theatre at 10:00 A. M. next Thursday, December 18. The admission is free, and everyone is invited to attend.

The first part of this Christmas get-together will be a movie, followed by the appearance of the famous So Easy Singers, who will sing Christmas carols. At the conclusion of this hour-long program, the merchants will give to each child in attendance a small gift.

The admission is free, and you'll have the time of your life at this Christmas party. Come and bring your friends.

## Boy Scout Camp Drive Has Now Raised \$2300.

### \$3700 Needed To Complete Alabama Scout Reservation

The drive for funds for the purchase and development of the Boy Scout Reservation of 520 acres of land near Clintonville, Alabama is making progress according to J. E. Saliba, Treasurer of the Council and chairman of the publicity committee. President Roy Crow of Troy, has reported that Troy has raised \$1200 to be applied on the camp fund. This is the beginning of the campaign for funds to build a \$5,000 Boy Scout Camp. Mr. L. Y. Dean, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Southeast Alabama Council Boy Scouts of America, urges each town to begin to make plans to raise funds for the development of the most outstanding projects the Southeast Alabama Council has ever taken, said Mr. Dean. "It will mean much to scouting in this area and I am sure that if all you will get behind this project, it will be a success."

J. E. Saliba, treasurer of the Council, said "The \$1200 from

## Construction Starts On City Hall & Masonic Lodge

### Masonic Lodge And Offices Will Be On Second Floor

Construction of the new City Hall for Elba has begun following letting of the \$40,000 contract to Mr. A. V. Martin, Enterprise contractor, during the past week. Contract negotiations for the City of Elba were handled by Mayor L. P. Mullins who was authorized to act at the meeting of the City Council last week. The Elba Masonic Lodge No. 170, joint owners with the City of Elba of the new structure, was represented by Jas. J. Wise, Baxter Bryan, Jake Bonneau, Charlie Rowe, Paxton Miles, Charlie Lunsford and Fountain Lee.

The two buildings will front 50 feet on Factory Street facing the present City Hall and will extend back 100 feet on Simmons Street opposite Dorsey Bros. Chevrolet, Inc., on the lot formerly owned by the Elba Masons but now the property of the Masons and the City of Elba jointly.

The lot has been leveled and building material has already been unloaded on the scene.

Land Bank Office Planned  
In addition to City of Elba offices, the size of the structure will permit housing two business concerns on the first floor. Negotiations are in progress for one section to house the Elba office of the Federal Land Bank; it is rumored that the Elba Electric Company is considering the occupancy of the other section but this could not be confirmed before the Clipper went to press.

City Hall Plans  
In addition to the City Clerk's office, Mayor's Hall and the City Library, the lower floor will provide garage space for the Elba Fire Department truck and for street equipment as well as storage space and a tool room. The City Jail will remain at its present location and will continue to be used as heretofore.

Lodge on 2nd Floor  
The Elba Masonic Temple will occupy the entire north side of the upper floor and will consist of a Lobby, Masonic Hall, Dining room and a modern kitchen. Ownership of the upper floor will be held by the Masonic Lodge.

Office Space Available  
Plans call for four or five double office suites to be located on the south side of the hall running from front to rear of the second floor. Such space will be offered to the public according to Mason Jas. Wise of the Masons' Building Committee.

There will be two modern Rest Rooms flanking the stairway entrance from Simmons Street.

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## Gifts For Needy Families Asked

All persons having gifts of clothing, cash, or anything else they want to contribute to needy families for Christmas are requested to see Harold Deal, Lillian Rowe, or Mrs. J. Dowling. If you know of a family who needs such contributions turn their names in to the same committee.

## Dr. Ringsdorf To Give Program At Dental Meeting

The Third District Dental Society meeting and luncheon will be held Thursday, December 11, 1947 at "The Wagon Wheel" located one-half mile south of the Dothan High School on the Panama City Highway. Luncheon will begin at 12:30 o'clock. Each member will be permitted to select his plate—either chicken or steak.

A very interesting and worthwhile program will be given by Dr. W. M. Ringsdorf of Elba. His program will consist of:

1. A paper on "Temperature and Humidity Control As An Aid To More Permanent Silicate Cements."

2. A short table clinic on silicate cements. Mrs. Ziglar will assist in giving the table clinic.

3. A new sound film in color will be shown, titled, "Silicate Cements." This film has just been released by the A. D. A. and U. S. Bureau of Standards.

Mr. A. C. Dunaway, Superintendent of the Coffee County High School will show the picture for the members.

Dr. Ringsdorf has suggested that as many assistants as possible be in attendance because in actual practice a large part of the work in silicate cements has to be performed by the assistant.

## Folsom Discourages Presents To State Dept. Supervisors

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## Legion Chaplain Proclaims "Go To Church" Sunday



CHAPLAIN GUTHRIE

The American Legion, under the leadership of Jimmy Lane, has proclaimed December 14th as "Go to Church Sunday". Every post in the State of Alabama will attend in a group or separately some church on this Sunday. Commander Lane has charged McCoy Guthrie, Department Chaplain for the State of Alabama with the "Go to Church" program on December 14th.

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## Dial Telephone System Is Promised Next Ninety Days

### Dorsey Wins Suit Filed By Union Organizer

#### Verdict Decided In 25 Minutes

James P. Harden, CIO union organizer, lost his \$50,000 damage suit against Dorsey Trailers of Elba and several Elba officials in U. S. District Court in Dothan last Thursday when the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendants.

The case went to the jury at 11:10 A. M., and the verdict was read to the court 25 minutes later.

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## Work Starts On Outside System Today; Inside Practically Complete

### Clipper Reporter Made Mistake In Last Week's Issue

Even a news reporter has his bad moments—as was illustrated by an error in last week's Elba Clipper.

The arrival of Santa Claus at the Elba Square was reported to occur on Saturday, December 13th whereas the best 1947 calendars show such date to be Saturday, December 20th.

Before the Editor fired the reporter, an investigation revealed that the calendar in the Old Clipper building over the reporter's crate-box desk was of 1946 vintage—and the most recent of many calendars thereabout by several years. As a result, and in line with the spirit of Xmas, the reporter was not camed and has been sworn not to use any calendar until its model has been verified.

The new Automatic Switchboard has been installed in four sections which will handle 100 telephones each and is so constructed that additional sections can be added when needed by this community, according to the local manager, Mrs. Harold English. This will permit over 100 new telephones for Elba with present facilities following installation of the new lines. The present wiring system cannot be used with dial telephones which will explain the complete replacement of all wires in the Elba exchange.

All material to be used in the changeover to the dial system is on hand and the Lions Club Telephone Committee are optimistic about the completion of dial system before the end of February, 1948.

## Bob Steele Coming To Local Theatre

Star of more than 160 western pictures, Bob Steele, "America's greatest lightning cowboy," is coming to Elba Theatre for a personal appearance with his all-western show December 21.

Bob began his screen career when he was 13, appearing in a series of educational shorts produced by his father, Robert N. Bradbury, one of the foremost producers and directors of western pictures.

Born on a ranch near Pendleton, Oregon, he learned riding at an early age. His horsemanship and athletic ability led him to stardom.

Partial to riding, hunting and trout fishing, Bob now lives in the San Fernando Valley, California. This is his first national-wide personal appearance tour.

Appearing in person with Bob are many leading artists of the western screen, including Jack Palance, the "William you love to hate," the Westerners, playing and singing the songs you love; Boots Gilbert, Tommy Durden and others.

These goods were made by the school of blind at Talladega and proceeds of the sale will go to them.

Don't miss this opportunity to help the blind while getting well-made and worthwhile items

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### Mancel Harrison Acquitted By Jury On Assault Charge

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## Lawmakers Plan Fight Against Self-Starters

Montgomery — Thirteen members of the House and Senate met here last Thursday to organize themselves into a group to fight against the ratification of the self-starter amendment, which will be voted on January 6.

Headed by Rep. Ira B. Thompson, Crenshaw County, and permanently elected chairman of the group, the legislators said that their organization would be open to the public and not confined to members of the two law-making bodies.

Eight reasons were given by the legislators for their opposition to the passage of the amendment which would enable the legislative branch to call a special session without the issuance of a call by the governor.

The eight reasons for opposition were listed as:

1. A similar provision was discussed at the convention that drafted the state constitution in 1901, but no need for such a move was seen at that time.
2. The people have not expressed a desire for such an amendment. It is pure a creature of part of the legislature.
3. Past governors have called legislatures into special sessions and the present governor is no exception. Gov. Eubank will call special sessions when necessary. He has called two this year.
4. Present members of the legislature did not see the need for such an amendment before. Why is there a need now?
5. The amendment will lead to discord. If the legislature stays in session, and meets one day a week or one day a month and draws \$20 a day for those days, it will cause unrest among the people and among business.
6. The past session of the legislature was the most expensive in history and all the legislation that was accomplished could have been done in much less time than was required.
7. The amendment will do away with the time-tested system of checks and balances in the state government.
8. Public opinion works more efficiently to deter the wrongful use of power by one person than by a group of persons.

Those attending the assembly were Sen. Thompson, Crenshaw County; Rep. G. B. Mathison, Sr., Abbeville; Rep. W. E. Dyer, Guilford; Sen. A. L. Paterson, Phenix City; Rep. E. L. Roberts, Gadsden; Sen. C. B. Harvey, Oneonta; Rep. J. W. Braswell, Phenix City; Rep. J. Monroe Mitchell, Leesburg; Sen. Rankin Pitt, Hamilton; Rep. John Weaver, Double Springs; Sen. V. S. Sumner, Lurven; Sen. Broughton Lambrecht, Alexander City; and Rep. Chester Black, Jasper.

## "No Records" Does Not Prevent Vets Getting Benefits

Montgomery — Veterans notified by the Veterans Administration of no records of a service-incurred injury or illness are not always "out of luck" concerning disability compensation, the State Department of Veterans Affairs declared today.

Many overseas medical records have not been located, the department explained, and some were even lost. Also, if treatment was at regiment, at sea, or an aid station, there is probably no record of it, the department said.

"For example, I talked with an ex-GI who lugged a machine gun half-way across Europe, got a piece of shrapnel in his leg and was all right until his leg started bothering him," commented Director C. C. Horton. "He didn't file a claim at separation because he felt it would delay his discharge."

"He filed a claim recently and the Veterans Administration wrote back denying any record of the shrapnel hitting him," Horton continued. "It is not hard to visualize how the veteran felt after spending the war behind a 38-caliber machine gun."

"Many veterans are in a like predicament," Horton explained. "As a result, there are thousands of undeveloped claims of all kinds right here in Alabama that have gone wanting simply because of negative statements."

## KINSTON NEWS

By Mrs. Rayford Stephens

Mr. Gillis Hataway is recovering from pneumonia.

Mrs. D. C. Blankenship will leave the first of next week for Cradford, Ala., where she plans to make her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Cain visited Mr. Edward Daugherty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Daugherty, of Baker, Fla., who is in the Crestview hospital.

Mr. J. G. Clark, tax assessor, and Mr. W. T. Whitman, tax collector, will be in Kinston Thursday, December 11.

The public is cordially invited to the Baptist church Friday night, December 12, at 7:30 when the Rev. F. D. Tolson, of Opp will tell of his trip to Copenhagen, Denmark, where he attended the Baptist World Alliance last summer.

Mr. W. J. Donaldson was Sunday guest of Mrs. Lucille Barnes in Andalusia.

Mrs. Frank Horton entertained at the home of her mother, Mrs. George Gentry, Sr., honoring her niece, Nina Williams on her third birthday.

The group of small children enjoyed various games after which they were served cake, ice cream and hot chocolate. Eighteen small guests were present.

Little Miss Nina Williams, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ray W. Williams is spending some time with her grandmother, Mrs. George Gentry.

Dr. Williams received his discharge from the army this week and they will make their home in Birmingham.

Pvt. Odie R. Free, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Free, Route 2, Kinston, has begun training as an Aviation Engineer of the Army Air Forces at Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyoming, a station of the Technical Division, Air Training Command, according to word received from Col. John C. B. Elliot, Base Commander.

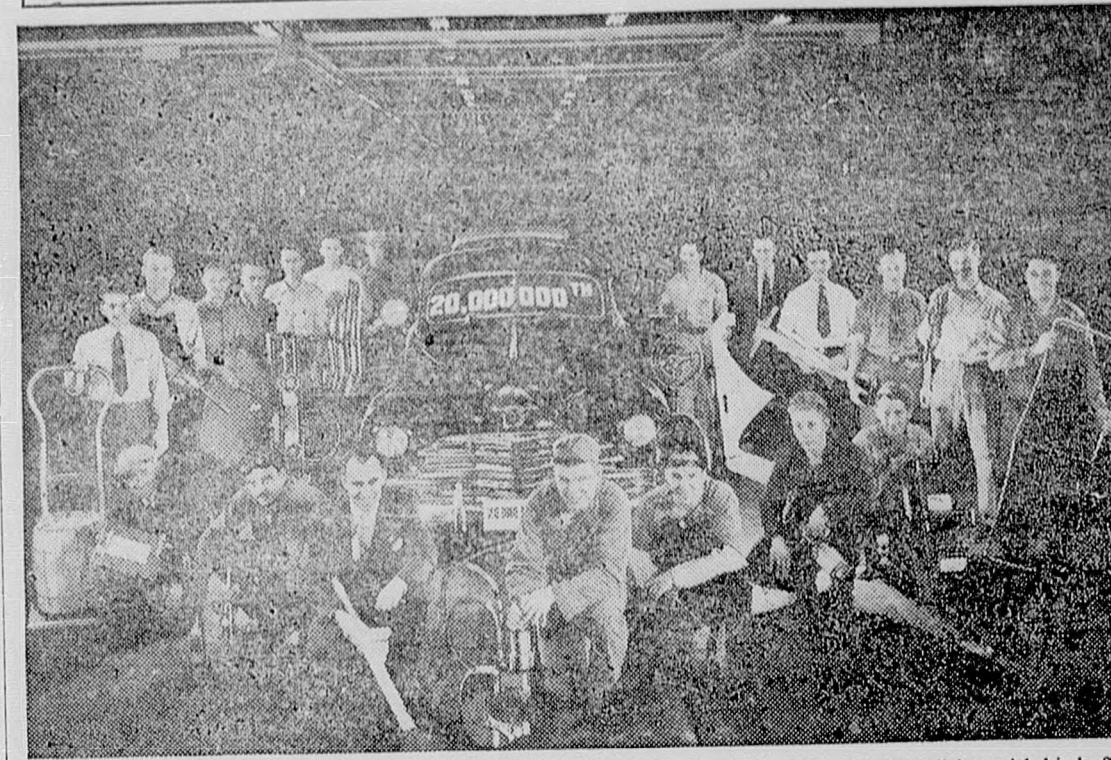
The many skilled subjects taught at the AAF Aviation Engineer school, such as repair and operation of tractors and engines, used in airport and highway construction, should prove of inestimable value as a future civilian occupation.

Drafting, surveying, and carpentry are among the other subjects contained in letters from the Veterans Administration.

Horton reminded that veterans organizations, as well as the State Department of Veterans Affairs, employ service officers trained in developing compensation claims based on military service. He said it behooves every veteran and dependent receiving correspondence from the Veterans Administration to follow to the letter instructions contained therein.

The State Department of Veterans Affairs maintains an office in each of Alabama's 67 counties. In most instances, these offices are located in county court houses.

## "Milestone Model" and the Men Who Made It



Twenty men whose combined crafts and skills are the representative of the myriad trades contributing to production of a motor vehicle, pose at Flint, Mich., with a "milestone model"—the 20,000,000th unit produced by Chevrolet in its 35-year history. From the engineer with his designs and blueprints, to the polisher with his buffing tool, from the chemist to the hooded welder, these are the men who keep the nation's traffic arteries humming. Chevrolet has produced its latest million cars and trucks in almost exactly a year.

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## Gulf State Park Reservations May Be Made For 1948

Montgomery — Gulf State Park reservation books were opened December 1 to persons wishing to use the park's cabins during the 1948 season. Parks Chief James L. Segrest of the State Department of Conservation declared.

Segrest said that all reservations should be made through Parks Manager G. N. McLeod, Gulf State Park, Foley, Ala. With a check or money order for half the cost of the accommodations stipulated in the request, Segrest said that the other parks will not come under the early Gulf State Park reservation date, but that it was necessary to open the area because of the large number of

accommodation requests which come in around April 1 each year. The parks chief explained that the early reservation date was an effort to avoid the spring rush of applications.

The new weekly vacation rates to go into effect April 1, 1948 are as follows: Interior cabins (4) with one bedroom, \$25; lakeside cabins (13) with one large bedroom \$30; lakeside cabins (2) with living room and two bedrooms, \$38; entire lakeside apartment building to one party, \$60; all are equipped with bathrooms, kitchens or kitchenettes and screened porches.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brunson and Mrs. Gus Grimes and children of Birmingham, Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Prior and little son, Mike, of Auburn were guests of Mrs. Kate Brunson during the holidays.

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## Contestants in the popularity contest from the student body of Zion Chapel School, Jack, Alabama.

Back row left to right: Durl Dean, Hubert Fuller, Mary Hunter Sanders, Acie James Lowery, Jeanette Carroll, Douglas Green, Mary Holloway, and Grace Barr. Front row: Jimmie Stevens, Murry Baker, Nettie Knotts, Jerry Brown, Ann Wilson, Bettie Jean Smith, Nina Jo Sanders, Bettie Sue Wise, and Principal Harold Collins crowning the winners, shown below.

Jerry Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brown, and Ann Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Wilson were elected the most popular boy and Miss Zion Chapel from the student body. Over 35,186 votes were cast.

## Three Birmingham Firms Sue For Tax Recovery

Montgomery — Three suits filed in the Circuit Court by three Birmingham business firms charged State Revenue Commissioner Phillip J. Hamm with making excessive and invalid sales tax collections in the amount of almost \$1,000.

The plaintiffs were listed as the Birmingham Vending Company, Jefferson Music Company, and the Ten-Ball Novelty Company, and the three establishments charged, in separate bills of complaint, that they had paid under protest slightly over \$993 in sales tax during September and October.

The judgment asked by the Ten-Ball Company amounted to \$200, while the judgment for the Jefferson Music Company was put at \$217. The Birmingham Vending Company asked for a judgment amounting to \$575. Each of the firms maintained that the tax was excessive and invalid under the 1946 Code of Alabama.

Revenue Commissioner Hamm has been ordered to appear in Montgomery Circuit Court within the next 30 days to answer the charges.

During the years between World War I and World War II production of farm products per acre in the U. S. increased 50 per cent and production per person increased 75 per cent.

## Safety Precautions Urged Throughout Holiday Season

Chicago — "Don't Let Death Take Your Holiday!"

With that slogan as a keynote, the National Safety Council announced today a nationwide campaign to check the huge annual Christmas holiday toll.

The Christmas-New Year holiday season is the most hazardous single period of the year, according to Council statistics. In traffic accidents alone, three times as many persons are killed during a Christmas holiday period than on the same days of the preceding two weeks.

Heavier travel and the festive spirit of the holiday season increase the normal winter hazards, such as bad weather, slippery roads and more hours of darkness.

More than 130 national organizations, city and state officials, safety councils and civic leaders have joined forces with the Council in the year-end campaign. Together they seek to create in the public mind an awareness of the special holiday hazards, and to enlist voluntary cooperation on the part of every individual to hold accidents to a minimum this Christmas.

The Council emphasized that the campaign is the final effort of the year to hold the 1947 traffic death toll below the 1946 total of 33,700.

At the end of the first nine months of this year, there was a 5 per cent reduction in traffic deaths—4 per cent—from the same period of 1946. But the final quarter of the year always is the one with the most traffic deaths.

"Christmas is a family time, the season of reunion, of joy in one's children, of drawing even closer the most fundamental ties that bind us together—truly a season to be treasured," said Ned H. Dearborn, president of the Council.

"But it is a season to be wary, as well. The tragedy of an accident becomes even more poignant during the Yule season. It takes only a little forethought, a little extra care and, often, just a little extra courtesy to make certain a Christmas celebration of joy festivity unshadowed by accidents."

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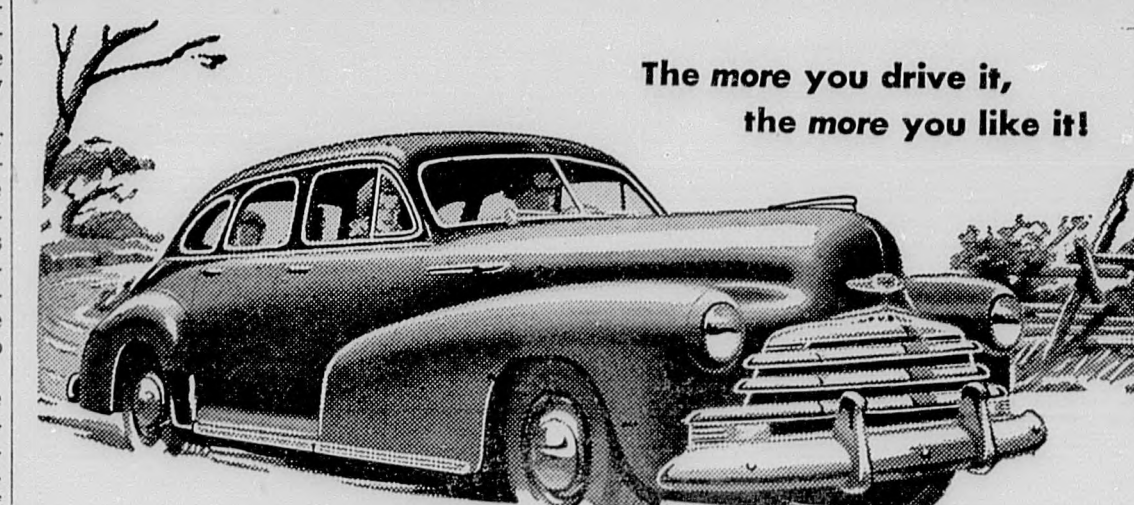
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